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- 1. 127 AIR ABORTED TODAY WHEN THE TANKER SAW A NUMBER OF PANELS MISSING FROM THE TOP OF THE AIRCRAFT. IT TURNED OUT THAT ALL THE UPPER RIGHT FILLET PANELS, EXCEPT THE MOST FORWARD ONE WHICH IS RIVETED ON, HAD PEELED OFF ON CLIMB OUT. THE UPPER MIXER DOOR WAS ALSO MISSING. ONE OF THE PIECES HIT THE TOP LEADING EDGE OF THE RIGHT RUDDER. THE RIGHT WING HAD BEEN UP 2 DAYS AGO BUT THIS HAS NO BEARING. OUR BEST THEORIES NOW ARE THAT POSSIBLY IN TAXIING OUT WE FIND THE TAXIWAY EXTREMELY ROUGH. ONE OR MORE OF THE PANEL BRACKET HOLDERS COULD HAVE BROKEN OR WERE BROKEN PREVIOUSLY AND WEAKENED THE PANEL SUPPORT ENOUGH TO BREAK. THEY ARE INSPECTED AT PERIODIC BUT SELDOM DO WE ACTUALLY REMOVE THE PANELS.
- 2. ALL PARTS TO FIX THIS ARE ON HAND. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE INSPECTED THE OTHER TWO BIRDS FOR POSSIBLE CRACKED BRACKETS.

  SOME REPAIR OF FILLET FAIRING REQUIRED BUT WE'LL BE "OR" WITH 127

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PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF YOUR EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY

THAT THE INITIAL FILLET FAILURE MAY HAVE OCCURRED BY COLLAPSE OF

THE FORWARD SECTION AF335R INWARD. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS POSS
IBILITY? DID THE FILLETS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE AIRPLANE,

PARTICULARLY AF335L, SHOW ANY INDICATIONS OF PERMANENT DEFLECTIONS

INDICATING HIGH LOADING? IF SO, GIVE PARTICULARS. WE ARE PREPARING

BEEF-UP PROPOSALS WHICH WE WOULD EXPECT TO EXCUTE WITH A SERVICE

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A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVES FROM BOTH MISSIONS INDICATE THE FOLL DWING:

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- 1. THE METERING VARIES FROM NORMAL TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO INCHES OF OVERLAP IN ISOLATED INSTANCES. THE OVERLAPPING DOES NOT FOLLOW A PATTERN AND CANNOT BE ATTRIBUTED TO VEHICLE MANEUVERING.
- 2. THE NEGATIVES ARE UNDEREXPOSED THROUGHOUT BOTH MISSIONS.
  FULL PROCESSING PROVIDED NEGATIVES OF ADEQUATE DENSITY. AN
  INCREASE IN EXPOSURE SHOULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ENERGY FOR
  OPTIMUM PROCESSING AND THE REPRODUCTION OF BETTER DUPE POSITIVES.
- 3. THE DATA CHAMBER RECORDED INFORMATION THROUGHOUT BOTH MISSIONS. THE EXPOSURE WAS ADEQUATE AND THE DATA IS READILY

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  - 4. THE PROCESSING OF THE NEGATIVE IS GOOD.
  - 5. THE QUALITY OF THE IMAGERY PROVIDES GROUND RESOLUTIONS FROM 18 TO 22 INCHES WHERE IT IS NOT DEGRADED BY ATMOSPHERICS. IN TWO FRAMES DURING THE LOW ALTITUDE PORTION OF BSX 001 THERE ARE AREAS OF SOFT IMAGERY THAT ARE ATTRIBUTED TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE IMC EQUIPMENT AT THESE LOW ALTITUDES. MISSION BSX 003 CONTAINS ISOLATED INSTANCES OF SMEARED IMAGERY THAT HAS TENTATIVELY BEEN ATRIBUTED TO VEHICLE MANEUVERING TOGETHER WITH CONTINUAL CHANGES FROM A CAGED TO AN UNCAGED CAMERA STATUS.
  - 6. THE MATERIAL FROM BSX 001 (CAMERA E) IS SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN THE MATERIAL FROM 95X 003 (CAMERA F). THE QUALITY OF THE NEGATIVES IS CONSISTENT WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS.
  - (A) BSX 001 DURING THE LOW ALTITUDE PORTION OF THE MISSION (29,700° TO 65,100°) THE GROUND RESOLUTION IMPROVES

    THIS IS ATTRIBUTED TO BETTER SCALE PHOTOGRAPHY AND BETTER ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS.
  - (B) BSX 003 WHERE PORTIONS OF FRAMES OF THE PHOTO-GRAPHY ARE DEGRADED BY SMEARING THE GROUND RESOLUTIONS
  - 7. PHYSICAL DEFECTS ARE MINIMAL. FOREIGN MATTER IN THE SLIT APERTURE PRODUCE THIN MINUS DENSITY LINES ON THE NEGATIVE. WHEN THE PROGRAMMED V/H OR CAGED INDICATOR LAMPS ARE LIT THERE IS A FINE PLUS DENSITY LINE THROUGHOUT THE AFT FRAMES IN MISSION BSX OPI ONLY.
  - 8. THE EVALUATION ON MISSION BSX 003 HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED,
    BUT HAS PROGRESSED SUFFICIENTLY TO DETERMINE THE STATEMENTS

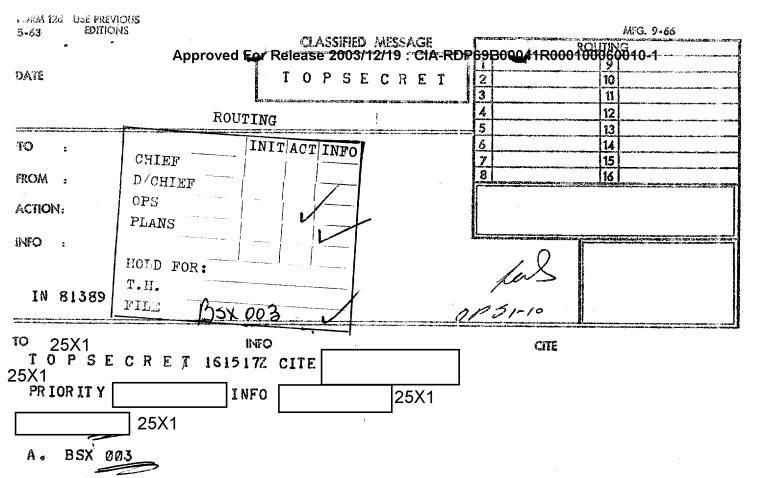
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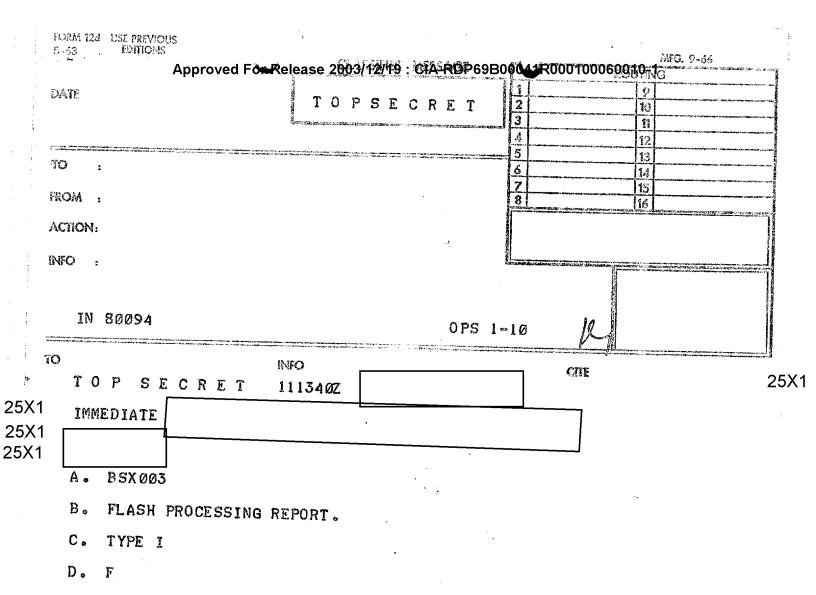
- B. INS FILM CORRELATION REPORT
- C. INS 010
- D. 1) NINE QUESTIONABLE FRAMES. OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY
  - 2) INS TAPE ONE MINUTE HIGHER THAN FILM DATA BLOCK THROUGH MOST OF MISSION
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- E. ERRORS IN CAGING RECORD ON FILM OCCURED AT TIMES WHEN VEHICLE WAS IN CAGED MODE. SATISFACTORY CORRELATION HAS BEEN ACHIEVED

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E. COMMENTS.

THE FILM QUALITY IS GOOD. EXPOSURE AND RESOLUTION ARE GOOD.

METERING IS SLIGHTLY ERRATIC. CLOUDS COVER APPROXIMATELY 25 PERCENT

OF THE MISSION, MOSTLY IN THE LAST PORTION.

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